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In regard to:

U.S. vs. Apple, Inc., et al., 12-cv-2826 (DLC) (SDNY)

I wish I could say that I understand why the Department of Justice has seen fit to launch this lawsuit and thereby aid Amazon in its efforts to wipe out every shred of competition. Given that Amazon was forcing publishers to sell their books at a loss, I don't really see that publishers had any other choice except to protect their interests and for Amazon to institute agency pricing. If Amazon wins this suit, it will be a disaster for brick and mortar book stores, for publishing, and ultimately for the consumer. Amazon is set to become the Standard Oil of the marketplace and history tells us that monopolies do not breed healthy competition, which is essential to making the market place fair to both buyers and sellerS. Please be conscious of the effects of your decision.

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